CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	i1b1j3lva9_2
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Publisher:	Not stated
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Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	28 July 2020
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	27 July 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is a highly sexualised image of three naked young boys. The only reasonable reading is that it has been produced to titillate and arouse those with a prurient interest in children. Material such as this normalises and legitimises young boys as appropriate subjects for adult sexual fantasy and desire. It therefore promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes and is deemed to be objectionable under s 3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act). The objectionable classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s 3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable. This reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from exploitation.